

- * Reducing the spread of HIV in groups at high risk by identification of target populations and providing peer counseling, condom promotion, treatment of sexually transmitted infections etc.
- * Preventive intervention for the general population by Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and awareness campaign, provision of voluntary testing and counseling, safe blood transfusion services and prevention of occupational exposure.
- * Providing financial assistance for opportunistic infections, home and community based care to people living with HIV/AIDS.
- * Strengthening effectiveness and technical, managerial, financial sustainability at National, State and Municipal levels.
- * Promoting collaboration amongst public, private and voluntary sector.

For the effective implementation of the programme, State AIDS Control Societies have been created in all States/UTs and three Municipal Corporations namely Mumbai, Chennai and Ahmedabad.

Supply of Albumin Blood

1577. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many licences have, so far, been issued by the Drug Controller General of India during the last one year for supply of albumin blood into India;

(b) whether the blood so imported met the required standards; and

(c) who are the distributors supplying blood to hospitals in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No licence has been issued for the supply of albumin blood into India.

(b) Does not arise in view of 'a' above.

(c) Blood is supplied to Hospitals by licensed Blood Banks.

Protection of Herbal Plants

†1578. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the species of herbal plants are becoming extinct rapidly in the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.